

# **CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)** **REQUEST TRANSMITTAL (Small Entity)**

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Only for Continuation or Divisional Applications Under 37 CFR 1.53(d)

Docket No.

2391

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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/182,033 filed on 10/29/99 and entitled:

**ELECTRONIC COUPON PROCESSING SYSTEM**

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ This application is being filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
  - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

- b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.

5. ☒ Small Entity Status:

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
  - b. ☒ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.

6. ☒ The fee for this application is calculated as follows:

## **CLAIMS AS FILED**

For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	9	- 20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	1	- 3 =	0	x \$39.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
BASIC FEE					\$345.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$345.00

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7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 18-1579
- ☐ fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
  - ☐ fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
  - ☐ fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.18.
8. ☒ A check in the amount of 345.00 is enclosed.
9. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
- a. ☐ PTO-1449
  - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
10. ☐ Also enclosed:
11. ☐ The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below:

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**NOTES**

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**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 USC 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

**ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the Applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or application in the file jacket.

**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a).

Dated: July 26, 2000

  
Signature

John K. Abokhair

Typed or printed name

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Registration Number (if applicable)

- ☐ Inventor(s)  
☐ Assignee of complete interest  
☒ Attorney or agent of record

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dale Burns

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**Preliminary Amendment**

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-29.

Insert the following new claims:

30. (New) An electronic coupon processing system comprising:
- a plurality of consumer identification means;
  - a plurality of consumer accounts associated with said plurality of consumer identification means;
  - a database for storing information for each of said plurality of consumer accounts;

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal;
2. Preliminary Amendment;
3. One check in the amount of \$345.00 for the Filing Fee; and
4. Certificate of Express mailing.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1579. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-1579 for any future fees connected in any way to this application. Two copies of this letter are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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